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APPROVED BY EA/K - MR. HURWITZ
P - DODONOHUE
EA/P - WMAGRUDER
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JUSTICE - PMICHEL
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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, KS, US

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE: ALLEGATION OF ASYLUM OFFER
TO ROKG AMBASSADOR

REF: SEOUL 3553

1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR MAY 2 NOON PRESS
BRIEFING:

QUOTE IF ASKED, QUESTION: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT
REPORTS FROM SEOUL THAT A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL HAD
CONVEYED TO FORMER KOREAN AMBASSADOR HAHM BYUNG-CHOON AN
OFFER OF ASYLUM BEFORE HE WAS TRANSFERRED BACK TO SEOUL.

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ANSWER: QUITE OBVIOUSLY, NO OFFER OF ASYLUM WAS CONVEYED
TO AMBASSADOR HAHM BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OR ANY
OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY. AMBASSADOR HAHM, HOWEVER,
COMPLAINED THAT SUCH AN OFFER WAS INDIRECTLY MADE AS A
RESULT OF A CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH A PRIVATE ACQUAINTANCE.
WHEN AMBASSADOR HAHM RAISED THIS MATTER WITH UNDER
SECRETARY HABIB IN LATE MARCH, MR. HABIB ASSERTED THAT THE

USG OF COURSE HAD MADE NO SUCH OFFER AND HE WAS SORRY
THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAD RECEIVED THIS IMPRESSION, WHICH
WAS OBVIOUSLY A MISUNDERSTANDING. UNQUOTE

2. SUBJECT WAS NOT RAISED AT BRIEFING.
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